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President H. P. Judson,

University of Chicago.

My dear President Judson:

Mr. Norman Somerville, President of the Empire Club, has asked me to write to you on behalf of the Club to ascertain whether it would be possible for you to come and deliver an address to them at some time in the not distant future.

The Empire Club has a membership of over twelve hundred business and professional men, and is attended by the representative people of the city. It therefore gives the opportunity to any speaker to address one of the most influential audiences in the Dominion. Every year there are men of prominence on their programme. Last week, for instance, Dr. Graham Bell delivered the address. The luncheons are usually held on Thursday, but the day could be changed to any other day of the week except Monday if this would suit your convenience better.

One of the strong reasons why they are anxious to have you speak to them, in addition to your own standing in the United States, is that at present our people are greatly interested to know the work of the United States in connection with this war. They realize that you are undertaking your part on a very comprehensive scale, and to hear of your doings will be an

inspiration to the members of the Club. I hope that you will find it possible to accept the invitation.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.